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TO: Coordinating Agency Directors

FROM: Donald L. Allen, Jr., Director 
Office of Drug Control Policy

DATE: March 6, 2007

SUBJECT: IC&RC Credentialing Requirements for CA Provider Network

I am pleased to provide notification that the Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) will proceed with implementation of the recommendations contained in the Workforce Development Workgroup Final Report. Language will be proposed for the FY08 DCH/CA contract agreement that will require implementation of credentialing requirements in the CA provider network in FY07-08, with completion in FY08-09. We strongly recommend that CAs adhere to an implementation schedule that permits providers to work toward meeting the credentialing requirements in FY08-09 rather than a local accelerated implementation schedule. We intend the contract requirements to recognize that a reasonable period of time must initially be permitted to enable staff to complete the credentialing requirements and to support opportunities on an ongoing basis for new staff to achieve certification.

ODCP intends to incorporate the implementation process requests of MASACA, as transmitted in Randy O'Brien's letter of February 1, 2007 and CA assistance will be necessary. These requests, along with other comments and recommendations, are being transmitted to the workforce workgroup for consideration. We intend to maintain this workgroup to provide assistance and guidance during implementation and to address long-term workforce development implications.

Consistent with the report recommendations, ODCP will recognize other comparable and equivalent credentials, as acceptable, in lieu of IC&RC credentials when these meet the conditions outlined in the report. In addition to those identified in the report, this recognition will include credentials issued through the Aberdeen Area Native American Addiction Counselor Certification Board (AANAACCB).

A copy of the final report is enclosed for your reference. Please feel free to contact Doris Gellert at gellert@michigan.gov or (517) 373-2412 or me directly if you have specific recommendations or considerations with regard to our implementation decision.

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